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CONVICTS NOW TRAVEL MOUNTED

Tracy and Merrill Are Last Seen
Riding Toward La Center,
Washington.

THE TRAIL IS AGAIN LOST

Sheriffs Have Well Organized
Posse and Are Confident
of Overtaking Their
Men Soon.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 17.—A telephone message from Sheriff Marsh at La Center, at 7:30 tonight, states that Tracey and Merrill are known to have passed Pioneer church, six miles southeast of La Center, and 14 miles from here, late this afternoon. They were on horseback, having stolen two horses from the farm of John Rathburn, after holding up Rathburn after holding rapidly to the Pioneer church, two miles west, then turned north in the direction of La Center and Lewisville, on Lewis River. The posse came up scarcely an hour after the convicts had secured the horses, and upon learning of the occurrence, started in hot pursuit.

Several miles beyond Pioneer trace of the fugitives was lost, but it is believed that they passed the main road leading off the Pioneer road to La Center and then continued north along the trail through the woods which follows Lewis River toward Lewisville.

Sheriff Marsh says that trusty men have been stationed at Lewisville and other points of vantage along the river, while he himself and Sheriff Totten, of Skamania County, will stand guard at La Center bridge. News of the engagement between the convicts and pursuers is momentarily expected.

William Morris, who, with L. D. Seal, was mistaken yesterday for a convict by several members of the posse and shot through the leg, is resting easily today. The doctors think the leg may be saved.

A hot skirmish, which occurred about midnight last night between Bert Biesecker and Lon Davis, two members of Sheriff Marsh's posse, and two armed men answering the description of Tracey and Merrill, in which 11 rifle shots were exchanged and one of the men at least (Biesecker) had a narrow escape, furnished convincing proof. If any further proof were needed, that the three-score or more of officers and armed men are on the right track and that the men who crossed the Columbia River Sunday and held up and robbed old man Tiede near Fourth Plain, yesterday morning, are beyond question the desperate outlaws. The encounter also demonstrates another significant fact; that the same men now searching for the convicts can and will use their firearms when opportunity offers.

Biesecker and Davis were two of 15 or more picked men posted along Salmon River at points where the convicts were liable to cross. About 11 o'clock they noticed two men come down to the creek to get a drink. This was at a point about six miles north of Vancouver between what is known as Tenny and Betts bridges.

At the time the men approached the creek the watchers were not sure of their identity, and halted until they again approached the road. The guards then went down the road in the direction of the supposed convicts and when about 30 yards distant Biesecker sent a rifle shot in their direction.

The fire was promptly returned and six shots were exchanged by Biesecker and Davis and the two convicts, none of which took effect so far as known. Both parties then took to cover. After waiting in their hiding places more than an hour, the guards concluded there was to be no further chance to get a shot at the convicts and went up the road. A quarter of a mile or so, where their horses were tied on the way they discovered fresh tracks in the road not far distant from the point where their horses were hitched. They again lay in wait another half hour in the hope of seeing the fugitives, but nothing occurring, got in the buggy and started toward town. They had gone but a short distance when "bang, bang, bang," went a rifle from the brush at the roadside, and the guards now realizing that they were in close and dangerous quarters with the odds all in

favor of their unseen foes, whipped up and drove for their lives.

Five shots were sent after them, all of which apparently took slight effect, but fortunately causing no serious result. The first shot struck the horse in the rump, another passed under Biesecker's right arm, cutting a clean hole through the side of his coat and the under part of his sleeve. One struck the horse in the head, causing a scalp wound, another grazed the horse's side and a fifth cut through the harness.

The men reached town about 2 a. m. and reported to Sheriff Marsh. George Goddard, a farmer living in the vicinity of the occurrence, reported here this morning of having heard firing at three different times during the night, two of which evidently were the ones described. He, with a companion, spent the night in the brush near his house with guns, expecting visits from the desperadoes.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS.

Nominate State Ticket—Hopkins Re-elected Chairman.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 17.—The Democratic state convention today nominated the following ticket: Clerk of Supreme Court—John L. Pickering, of Springfield.

State Treasurer—George W. Duddleston, of Chicago.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Anson L. Biles, of Hillsboro.

Trustees of State University—Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Chicago; J. A. White, Urbana, and S. S. Paxton, Monmouth.

John Hopkins was re-elected chairman of the state central committee after a bitter contest with Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago.

The election of Chairman Hopkins produced the only fight in the convention. The day was full of clashes between Hopkins and Harrison. The struggle produced wild excitement. Delegates at times were frantic and criticisms highly personal were frequently exchanged. Hopkins finally won easily—562 to 297.

The committee on resolutions had a long and stormy session before their report was finally adopted. The principal fight was over the principal plank in the platform.

ADMIRAL NEIL IN GERMANY.

Says German Methods Stand For Thoroughness and Solidity.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Rear-Admiral Neil, the United States naval construction bureau delegate at the recent international naval construction congress at Dusseldorf, who has arrived at Berlin, cables the Herald's correspondent there, after visiting all the leading armament works, ammunition and shipbuilding works of Germany, says all doors were opened to him during his tour.

"There is no necessity," he said, "for making invidious comparisons between the United States and Germany in matters of armament, artillery, gun equipment, etc. German methods stand for thoroughness and solidity. Germany has great gun and naval construction works and adapts itself to the needs of the day. Its steel industry has developed remarkably. The claim circulated recently to the effect that Herr Krupp had discovered a new projectile which would penetrate any armor, I do not know of. We all know that it is only a matter of getting near enough to be able to penetrate any armor. This is a well known mathematical computation. I was deeply impressed with the works and experiments at the Krupp works at Essen. I visited the Germania ship yards at Stettin and saw there what a remarkable stride Germany has made in ship construction."

Admiral Neil will remain at Berlin until the latter part of the week and will proceed to Hamburg and other ports to make further inspection of shipbuilding. He will then go to London to attend the coronation ceremonies and leave for Washington.

IN CONGRESS.

Canal Bill and Bankruptcy Law Hold the Fort.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The house spent today in considering the bills reported from the judiciary committee. By far the most important measure was that to amend existing bankruptcy law. The minority make a vigorous effort to repeal the present law in toto, but was overwhelmingly defeated by 95 to 137. The bill passed amends the law in 15 particulars to meet defects which it is said experience has proven. The most important amendment is to define preference to meet the supreme court decision in the case of Pirie vs. Chicago Title & Trust Company.

STATUE TO BLAND.

LEBANON, Mo., June 17.—The statue erected in the memory of Richard P. Bland, who served in congress almost continuously from 1872 until 1899, was unveiled here today.

GRAND LODGES ARE IN SESSION

Nearly a Thousand White-Haired
Veterans Now Enrolled
as Pioneers.

A. O. U. W. DOWN TO BUSINESS

Small Attendance of Native Sons
—Plans Considered for
Amalgamation—Officers Elected.

PORTLAND, June 17.—Badger headquarters of the Oregon Pioneer Association, at 246 Washington street, presents a lively appearance today. It is here that pioneers equip themselves for the 12th annual reunion of the association which will be held in the Exposition building tomorrow afternoon.

Secretary Geo. H. Himes and a corps of assistants are busy today registering new members and issuing badges. White-haired veterans are everywhere in evidence, many having already arrived from points outside of the city. Secretary Himes states that the attendance will be larger this year than last. Last year 90 pioneers answered roll-call, and as fully 100 new names have been added to the roster since then the prospects are good for reaching the 1000 mark this year. Last year the average age of the association was 52 years. This year it will probably be a year or two higher.

The pioneers of 1852 led in numerical strength a year ago, turning out 240, while 1853 came second with 129 in line.

There are five pioneers born in 1814, who will be in attendance at the reunion tomorrow. They are John Cogswell, of Eugene, pioneer of 1845; Mrs. O. DeWitt, Portland, 184; R. S. McEwan, Astoria, 1848; D. McCully, Salem, 1852, and John C. Bell, Portland, 1876.

The business session will be held at the Exposition building tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Pioneers will assemble at the Hotel Portland at 1:30 sharp and there form into line in the order of the years of their arrival. John W. Minto, grand marshal, and C. T. Belcher, N. H. Bird, F. H. Saylor and W. H. Warren, aides. A squad of police will head the procession. De Capro's band will come next and then a guard of honor of Native Sons and daughters, these pioneers bringing up the rear. At the Exposition building a splendid program will be rendered.

A. O. U. W. ELECT OFFICERS.

Selection of Supreme Lodge officers and the board of trustees was the work of the convention this morning in Hibernia hall. At noon a recess was taken, while balloting was in progress for trustees, until this afternoon at 2:30. Committee reports are the order this afternoon.

C. R. Mason, the newly elected supreme foreman, and a prominent member from Illinois, said this morning that Oregon people were so generous in their attempts to entertain the delegates that some of the visitors were near forgetting the business of the supreme lodge meeting and that it was hoped now to get down and do some work in the next day or two.

This evening the City & Suburban Railway Company will be host to the Workmen and a trolley ride is on the table for those who wish to take it. The beauties of Mount Tabor at sunset and Mount Hood in the twilight will be the attraction there. The start will be made from Third and Yamhill streets at 8 o'clock.

Under the auspices of Fidelity lodge a smoker will be given this evening at Burkhard's hall, on East Burnside street, presided over by Past Supreme Master Burt, of Massachusetts. Tomorrow evening there will probably be a night session.

NATIVE SONS.

"To amalgamate or not to amalgamate," that is the question before the Grand Cabin, Oregon Native Sons, today.

For some reason the organization is losing vitality. Only a mere handful of delegates are in attendance this year.

It is this apparent lack of interest in the organization that led to the discussion of a plan of amalgamation this forenoon. One proposition is to amalgamate with the Sons of the Golden West; another is to enlarge the scope of the organization so as to include the whole of the original Oregon. The latter plan would restrict the membership to Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The former would make it a Pacific Coast organization. Whether or not either plan will be adopted, however, is problematical, as there is a disposition on the part of some to keep the organization distinctly Oregon. The consideration of this important question will probably take up most of the afternoon session.

The principal business before the Grand Cabin this morning was the consideration of reports, several unimportant changes in the constitution and by-laws, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. Grand President A. E. Heames, of Jacksonville, who arrived yesterday afternoon, presided. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Sol Rilmauer, past grand president; Alex Sweek, grand president; W. N. Barrett, grand first vice-president; O. P. Coshov, grand second vice-president; J. P. Kavanaugh, grand secretary; R. W. Hoyt, grand treasurer; B. B. Esekman, grand orator; F. H. Saylor, grand historian; E. M. Croisan, grand marshal; F. E. Osborne, grand inside sentinel; C. Matibue, grand outer sentinel; J. H. Snodgrass, W. V. Wiley, E. R. Drake, W. R. Scheurer, T. M. Wilkins, E. A. M. Coss and J. H. Sewall, grand trustees.

COLORED PEOPLE IN TROUBLE.

CHICAGO, June 17.—"The time has come when the black man must depend upon himself for protection. I do not stand for mobs, but every negro should be prepared to protect his home, his wife and children, even to the death."

This advice was given at a meeting of negroes last night by Bishop Alexander Walters, of the colored church of Ohio, after he had warned his hearers that all signs pointed to a time of great trouble for them. Bishop Walters is president of the Afro-American Council. The meeting was held in the Olivet Baptist Church and was called for the purpose of taking action on the persecution of the negro residents of Eldorado and Harrisburg, Ill., and the lynching of Louis Wright in Missouri last winter. A resolution was adopted and telephoned to Governor Yates calling on him to take immediate steps to protect the lives and property of the colored people of Eldorado and Harrisburg, Ill.

Governor Yates, who is in Chicago, said last night:

"The authorities have been ordered to proceed against any person who may have been guilty of assaulting against the colored people of that locality and law will be maintained."

TO SETTLE COAL STRIKE.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Representative Allan McDermott, of Jersey City, has announced that he will introduce tomorrow in the house of representatives a resolution looking to the settlement of the coal strike. It will provide for an investigation by a national board of arbitration to be appointed by the president. This board shall have power to settle all disputes between labor and capital.

BASE BALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

At Helena—Helena, 2; Portland, 1. At Butte—Butte, 4; Seattle, 2. At Spokane—Tacoma, 10; Spokane, 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Chicago—Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 2.

At Detroit—Detroit, 4; Washington, 0.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 2; Baltimore, 2; game called at the end of 11th inning on account of darkness.

At Boston—Cleveland, 4; Boston, 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Philadelphia—Brooklyn, 4; Philadelphia, 2.

At Boston—Boston, 6; New York, 2.

Second game—Boston, 12; New York, 2.

HOMESEEKERS' RUSH FOR LAND

Great Scramble at the Opening
of the Fort Hall Reservation.

TWO THOUSAND ARE THERE

Sooners Evade Officers and Lo-
cate on Claims—Few Fil-
ings Were Made
Yesterday.

BLACKFOOT, Ida., June 17.—The Fort Hall Indian reservation, including 140,000 acres, nearly 100,000 of which consist of fine farming land, was thrown open for settlement at noon today. Exactly on the hour of noon nearly 2000 people, old men and boys, Indians who had been eagerly waiting, some of them for weeks, for the opening of the reservation, rushed across the line in a wild, chaotic scramble for land and mining claims. Many had arranged for relays of horses in order to locate and get to the Blackfoot land office before others could file, paying as much as \$50 for the use of one horse for a few hours.

J. R. Muller and F. E. Dekay, of Pocatello, were the first arrivals at the land office. Exactly one hour and 15 minutes from the time they left Pocatello, 26 miles away, two riders, Mullen and Dekay, leaped from their horses in front of the land office, Mullen securing the coveted first position. Each man had used four relays of horses en route. They finished not more than 15 feet apart.

In spite of the vigilance of the deputies and the reservation police, many "sooners" succeeded in locating claims and lining up with the others.

At 2:40 p. m. the special train from McCammon, run for the benefit of those who had located on claims, arrived in Blackfoot over the Oregon Short Line. It was packed to suffocation. Men were on top of the coaches, on the tender, on the locomotive pilot, everywhere that afforded a hazardous foothold. Before the train stopped they swarmed from the coaches like bees and all made a rush for the land office.

Only 27 filings were made today. The scramble will continue for several days. The land office has adopted a system of issuing numbers to those in line, enabling applicants to make their filings in the order in which they present themselves.

STAKE OF TWENTY THOUSAND.

NEW YORK, June 17.—It has been definitely settled that the match race between Thomas Lawson's Borama and E. E. Smathers's Lord Derby for a side stake of \$20,000 shall take place at Harford, August 2. The horses have been matched and forfeits of \$5,000 have been posted for some time.

TO HOLD RIFLE MATCH.

NEW YORK, June 17.—In view of the visit of the Canadian rifle team to Bisley, a committee has been named by the council of the English National Rifle Association, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune, to see if arrangements can be made for a rifle match between England and Canada.

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